IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 23, line 25 and continuing to page 24, line 10 as follows:

Using the PCGEM1 cDNA sequence (SEQ ID NO:1), specific PCR primers (Sense primer 1 (SEQ ID NO: 5): 5' TGCCTCAGCCTCCCAAGTAAC 3 ' and Antisense primer 2 (SEQ ID NO: 6): 5' GGCCAAAATAAAACCAAACAT 3') were designed for RT-PCR assays. Radical prostatectomy derived OCT compound (Miles Inc. Elkhart, Ind.) embedded fresh frozen normal and tumor tissues from prostate cancer patients were characterized for histopathology by examining hematoxylin and eosin stained sections (46). Tumor and normal prostate tissues regions representing approximately equal number of epithelial cells were dissected out of frozen sections. DNA-free RNA was prepared from these tissues and used in RT-PCR analysis to detect PCGEM1 expression. One hundred nanograms of total RNA was reverse transcribed into cDNA using RT-PCR kit (Perkin-Elmer, Foster, Calif.). The PCR was performed using ~~Amplitaq Gold~~AMPLITAQ GOLD® from Perkin-Elmer (Foster, Calif.). PCR cycles used were: 95°C for 10 minutes, 1 cycle; 95°C for 30 seconds, 55°C for 30 seconds, 72°C for 30 seconds, 42 cycles, and 72°C for 5 minutes, 1 cycle followed by a 4°C storage. Epithelial cell-associated cytokeratin 18 was used as an internal control.